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A stone’s throwaway

Cobblestones in Vinegar Hill and the Meatpacking District are being removed in new city projects. / AARON ADLER

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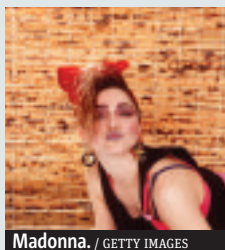
Material Girl

Madonna in NY exhibit

Photographer Richard Corman's street-style photos of a fresh-faced Madonna taken when she was living on the Lower East Side in the 1980s is on display in a free exhibit at the W Hotel in Times Square.

The exhibit will be open to the public until May 12.

EMILY JOHNSON



Madonna. / GETTY IMAGES

Vinyl

Bleecker Bob's closes doors

A record store that has been a Greenwich Village mainstay for more than 46 years and was once featured on an episode of "Seinfeld" closed its doors for good on Saturday, to be replaced by a frozen yogurt chain.

Bleecker Bob's Golden Oldies, named after owner Robert Plotnick, is reportedly being pushed out by its landlord due to financial woes. The ideally situated 2,000-square-foot space on W. Third Street has been sold to the Chicago-based chain store Forever Yogurt. EMILY JOHNSON



Cobblestone streets in Vinegar Hill, near DUMBO, are being removed because they present a safety threat, said the city. / AARON ADLER



NYC cobblestones face rocky future with city

Stony reception. DUMBO's historic cobblestones are on their way out.

While some preservationists are balking at plans to remove the historic cobblestone streets of Vinegar Hill, the city insists the upgrading is imperative for pedestrians and cyclists. It will also bring the streets into compliance with standards set by the American Disabilities Act.

The \$20 million capi-

tal construction project "to reconstruct cobble roadways and subsurface utilities," as the DOT website puts it, is a collaboration among the DOT, the DUMBO Improvement District and the Department of Design and Reconstruction, according to DOT spokesman Nicholas Mosquera.

Mosquera also said the DOT and its partners in the project are "discussing options to reuse as many cobblestones as possible."

The catch, as some neighborhood groups have noted, is that the cur-

rent stones are not merely "granite cobble" — they are hand-cut Belgian blocks.

And the new stones the city plans to use are laser-cut blocks that will be put through a tumbler to give them an older, weathered look.

Mosquera emphasized "the most important thing ... is that this is a complete street reconstruction that builds on similar projects elsewhere in DUMBO."



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Out with the old

Vinegar is losing its cobblestones.

- The cost is \$20 million.
- The city hopes to reuse as many of the cobblestones as possible.
- The cobblestones are a safety threat.
- Cobble roads in the Meatpacking District area are also under construction.

In the news

Head of MTA named

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced his pick for the new leader of the city's transit agency. Cuomo nominated Tom Prendergast for the role. He has been president of New York City Transit for three years.

Quoted

"We can literally change the future for tens of thousands of our kids by asking New Yorkers who are doing very well to pay a little bit more."

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Homework. Students told to think as Nazis

Last Monday, an unidentified 10th-grade English teacher at Albany High School assigned her students a "persuasive writing" exercise telling them to pretend their teacher was a Nazi, the New York Times reported.

The Albany schools superintendent, Marguerite Vanden Wyngaard, reportedly met with

Jewish leaders in Albany and apologized, insisting, "that's not the assignment that any school district, and certainly not mine, is going to tolerate."

The teacher was reportedly not in class on Friday and is facing disciplinary action that could include termination. DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Suspect caught

Arrest made in Queens assault case

The NYPD made an arrest on Saturday in an April 9 assault of a female, 16, that took place in Queens, according to cops.

Officers arrested Omer Khogali and charged him with assault, police said. ALLEN HOUSTON

Cruelty. Bronx man shoots neighbor's dog

A Bronx man who had posted a sign on his lawn warning "Keep your dog off the grass" has confessed to fatally shooting his neighbor's dog, the Daily News reports.

Donald Savino, 73, told police he only intended to frighten his neighbor's 9-pound Maltese, Spike, when he fired two pellets from

an air rifle on Tuesday evening.

"OK, I did it," Savino said, according to court documents. "I didn't mean to kill the dog. I just wanted to shoot it in the butt and scare him."

Spike's owner Marco Lopez said he, his family was horrified by the death of their dog. EMILY JOHNSON

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####FASTTRACK

Arson. Several hurt in Bronx blaze started by child with lighter

It's believed that a child may have started a three-alarm fire that tore through a 27-story apartment building in the Bronx on Saturday morning, injuring 48 people, five of them critically, Gothamist reports.

More than 135 firefighters responded to the fire at an E. 149th St. apartment building, fighting to contain it for

more than two hours after it started around 7:40 a.m. A child playing with a cigarette lighter on the fifth floor is suspected to be the cause of the fire.

A 1-year-old girl and her parents were revived by paramedics, according to the Daily News. Five firefighters and two paramedics were also among the injured.

EMILY JOHNSON

Subway death

Man killed by fall on rails

A man died on April 12 after he fell onto the subway tracks at a Times Square station and was electrocuted by the third rail. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

LAURA SHIN

Sequester

Fleet Week event on hold

Fans of New York City's annual Fleet Week will feel the hit of federal budget cuts this year.

The Department of Defense put a hold on the celebration.

LAURA SHIN

Woman arrested after Hugh Jackman attack



The woman has reportedly been seen following Hugh Jackman.

GETTY IMAGES

Fame. The actor was working out at the gym when the incident occurred.

A sobbing woman reportedly threw an electric razor filled with her own pubic hair at Hugh Jackman while he was working out at Gotham Gym in the West Village, according to a New York Post exclusive report.

The Post described her as blonde and wearing khaki pants with a blue hoodie, identifying her as 47-year-old Kathleen Thurston.

Thurston reportedly snuck past the check-in desk, found Jackman and shouted, "I love you!" before reaching into her waistband and lobbing the razor at him.

Jackman reportedly

backed away, thinking she was reaching for a knife or a gun.

Thurston was reportedly physically removed from the gym and arrested at 14th Street and Eighth Avenue.

As of Saturday night, she was awaiting arraignment in Manhattan Criminal Court.



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Not the first time

Jackman reportedly said that he has seen Thurston outside his daughter's school, and she had previously shown up at his home.



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Drug sting

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Many suspects had violent histories, from murder to gang assault to shootings, said Police Commissioner Ray Kelly.

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Missing student

Search for Paige Aiello

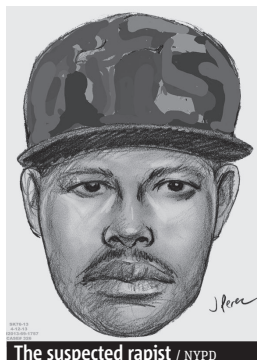
The family of Paige Aiello, 22, is trying to find her after she disappeared and her purse was found near a Manhattan bridge.

Friends from the College of New Jersey, where she attends, have written on Facebook to help find her.

ALISON BOWEN

After three rapes in a week, cops look for suspect

Pattern. Rapist lures victims to isolated spots.



The suspected rapist / NYPD

Police are looking for a man in connection to three rapes in Brooklyn: two in Lefferts Gardens and one in Canarsie.

Each time, the suspect starts up a conversation with the victim and then lures them to an isolated place and rapes them.

The first rape occurred on April 4 at 9 p.m. near Albany Avenue and Fenimore Street in Lefferts Gardens.

The suspect lured the 25-year-old to a parking lot where he raped her, cops said.

The second and third rapes both occurred on April 11. The second was at 8 a.m. in Canarsie, near Remsen Avenue and Faragut Road. Cops reported that the suspect lured the 19-year-old victim to the driveway and raped her.

Police said the third time was that night at 8:15 p.m. in a building near Midwood Street and Schenectady Avenue in Lefferts Garden. A 15-year-old girl was approached in the building, lured to the sixth floor and raped there.

NYPD officials described the suspect as a 5-foot-9 black male in his 20s. They estimated he weighs between 160 and 180 pounds.

Anyone with information on this suspect or regarding these rapes can call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477).



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Two Smiths, one big issue of Metro



"After Earth" will star Jaden Smith and his father, Will Smith. /GETTY IMAGES

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Big news for fans of the Smith family: Metro International today announces that Jaden Smith will join forces with his father, Will Smith, as special guests of Metro April 22.

The Smiths will riff off

the theme of "the future," creating exclusive content in honor of Earth Day and the duo's action film "After Earth." Their film is set on — yes — Earth, 1,000 years after humanity has fled, with Jaden on a mission to find help for his injured dad, battling animals and an alien.

As special guests, Jaden and Will Smith will imagine what the world will look like hundreds of years from now, when it comes to environmental impact, as well as advanc-

es in technology, transport and media. The pair will also sit for an exclusive Q&A with Metro. All content will run in Metro's print and digital editions around the world.

"There are some things only the world's largest newspaper can do," says Metro's Global Editor-in-Chief Margaret Samways. "And given our global reach, we're thrilled Jaden and Will can contribute to an issue pegged to Earth Day. Especially before the aliens arrive." **METRO**

Will Smith music quiz

Match songs to the lyrics:

THE SONGS

"Men in Black"
"Gettin' Jiggy Wit It"
"Miami"
"Parents Just Don't Understand"
"Boom! Shake the Room"

THE LYRICS

1 "Women used to tease me
Give it to me now nice
and easy
Since I moved up like George
and Weezy"

2 "Pay attention, here's the
thick of the plot
I pulled up to the corner at the
end of my block
That's when I saw this beautiful
girtie who was just walking
I picked up my car phone to



The Fresh Prince / GETTY IMAGES

perpetrate like I was talking"

3 "Smooth and individual
Rhymes always original
Like the Dr. Jekyll man and this
is my Hyde side
I am the driver and you're on
a rap ride"

4 "So I'm thinking I'm a scoot
me something hot In this
south-sea meringue melting

pot
Hottest club in the city and it's
right on the beach
Temperature get to ya it's
about to reach
Five-hundred degrees"

5 "Let me see ya take a walk
with me, just walk it with
me
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And make your neck work
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CORRECT ANSWERS

1. "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It"
2. "Parents Just Don't Understand"
3. "Boom! Shake the Room"
4. "Miami"
5. "Men in Black"

Tomorrow, look for a Will Smith timeline. Remember "Wild, Wild West"?



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Gun legislation. Sen. Pat Toomey expects Senate vote this week

Sen. Pat Toomey said yesterday that the U.S. Senate is likely to vote this week on a compromise provision that would expand background checks for gun purchasers.

"We expect a vote this week," the Republican from Pennsylvania said on CNN's "State Of The Union" program. "It's not certain as to exactly when. I think Wednesday's probably the

most likely day for a vote."

Toomey and Democratic Senator Joe Manchin crafted legislation that would require background checks for firearms sales over the Internet and between private parties at gun shows. Noncommercial person-to-person firearms sales wouldn't be covered, a trade-off Democrats made to win Republican support. **BLOOMBERG**

Texas killings

Investigation into prosecutor slayings quickens

The investigation into the shooting deaths of two Texas prosecutors continued yesterday, following the arrest of a former justice of the

peace whose home was searched during a probe into the slayings.

Residents of Kaufman, Texas, and local media have been buzzing over the arrest of Eric L. Williams, 46, who was booked into jail on Saturday on a charge of making a "terroristic" threat. **REUTERS**

Kerry says US ready to 'reach out' to N. Korea



South Korean soldiers patrol on the South Korea-controlled island of Yeonpyeong near the disputed waters of the Yellow Sea.

GETTY IMAGES

Conflict. Kerry said the US would "do what was necessary" to defend allies but added: "Our choice is to negotiate."

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday stressed the United States is willing to engage with North Korea as long as it takes steps to give up nuclear weapons.

He also vowed that Washington would protect its Asian allies against any provocative acts but said it wants a peaceful solution to rising tensions in the region.

"We are prepared to reach out, but we need [the] appropriate moment, appropriate circumstance," Kerry said, adding that North Korea had to take steps toward

giving up its nuclear programs.

"They have to take some actions. Now how many and how much I want to have a discussion with folks back in Washington [about] ... but they have to take action," he added.

The North has threatened to attack the United States, South Korea and Japan since new U.N. sanctions were imposed in response to its latest nuclear arms test in February.

"It is really unfortunate that there has been so much focus and attention in the media and elsewhere on the subject of war, when what we really ought to be talking about is the possibility of peace. And I think there are those possibilities," Kerry earlier told a news conference in Tokyo after a meeting with his Japanese counterpart, Fumio Kishida. **REUTERS**

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After court, gay rights spotlight is back on Obama



Political support for gay rights is continuing to gather momentum. /GETTY IMAGES

Politics. The Supreme Court is expected to rule in June on big issues on gay marriage.

President Barack Obama may have made a slow start on gay rights issues, but by the end of his first term his record was such that a news-magazine dubbed him the nation's "first gay president." Now activists want more.

Fresh from historic Supreme Court arguments over same-sex

unions, advocates want Obama to use his executive powers to fight discrimination at businesses, schools and military bases and stop waiting for action from a reluctant Congress.

The Supreme Court is expected to rule in June on big issues: the constitutional right to gay marriage and the right of gay married couples to federal benefits. Both are backed by Obama.

Now gay rights groups are pushing for additional measures they believe are key elements for cementing equality.

First on their wish

list is an executive order from Obama barring federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, an act that could have sweeping impact.

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Quoted

"We want to continue to advocate for legislation. We think that that's the most robust way to accomplish what we want to accomplish."

Valerie Jarrett
White House senior adviser

Lion Air crash

Pilot felt jet 'dragged' from sky

The pilot whose Indonesian jet slumped into the sea while trying to land in Bali has described how he felt it "dragged" down by wind while he struggled to regain control, a person familiar with the matter said.

The Boeing 737 passenger jet, operated by Lion Air, undershot the tourist island's main airport runway and belly-flopped in water on Saturday. **REUTERS**

Mollusks. Florida battles slimy invasion by giant land snails

South Florida is fighting a growing infestation of one of the world's most destructive, invasive species: the giant African land snail, which can grow as big as a rat and gnaw through stucco and plaster.

More than 1,000 of the mollusks are being caught each week in Miami-Dade and 117,000 in total since the first snail was spotted by a homeowner in September 2011, said Denise Feiber, a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of

Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Residents will soon likely begin encountering them more often, crunching them underfoot as the snails emerge from underground hibernation at the start of the state's rainy season in just seven weeks, Feiber said.

The snails attack "over 500 known species of plants ... pretty much anything that's in their path and green," Feiber said. **REUTERS**

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Venezuelan acting president and presidential candidate Nicolas Maduro waves at sympathizers after casting his vote in Caracas yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Venezuelans vote on future of 'Chavista' politics

Election. Whoever wins will inherit control of the world's biggest oil reserves in an OPEC nation.

Venezuelans went to the polls yesterday to vote whether to honor Hugo Chavez's dying wish for a longtime loyalist to continue his self-proclaimed socialist revolution or hand power to a young challenger vowing business-

friendly changes.

Acting President Nicolas Maduro had a double-digit lead over opposition challenger Henrique Capriles in most polls heading into election day, buoyed by Chavez's public blessing before he died from cancer last month. But the gap narrowed in recent days, with one survey putting it at 7 percentage points.

Maduro supporters mobilized voters in the rough barrios of Caracas, where Chavez is revered as a hero of the poor, sounding pre-

dawn bugle calls to rouse citizens to get out to vote. Lines formed under blistering sunshine at some voting centers, but many were notably shorter than they were at last October's election, when an ailing Chavez trounced Capriles.

Political strategists said that could mean there will be a surge in voting late in the day, or a smaller turnout than last year. Then, a record 80 percent of registered voters cast ballots following an aggressive get-out-the-vote campaign by the Chavista camp. REUTERS

Foreign relations

**Palestinian PM's
resignation
complicates
US plan**

Palestinian officials and the United States voiced optimism that the resignation of U.S.-backed Prime Minister Salam Fayyad would not hinder Washington's planned development initiative for the West Bank.

Fayyad quit after tension with President Abbas. REUTERS

Polls. Thatcher's death puts Cameron in public spotlight

Margaret Thatcher's funeral this week may be the costliest political advert in history, if critics are to be believed — but her death is reminding Conservatives that their current prime minister pales against her ideological conviction and power.

Pollsters say David Cameron may get a small lift in the polls. REUTERS



Margaret Thatcher / GETTY IMAGES

Study tips to ace your exams

As the year reaches the final stretch and there are multiple exams to study for at once, we checked in with students and found common strategies for success for when it's time to bury yourself in your books. **LEAH RUEHLICKE**



KEEP THE DISTRACTIONS AT BAY. / THINKSTOCK IMAGES

Find a study spot where you can get down to business

The first step to successful studying is finding a place that is study-specific and has

limited distractions. You might even want to disconnect your Wi-Fi and put your phone on airplane mode for an hour or two. It may sound crazy, but it will help you stay focused and make it so that you're using your time to its maximum potential.

Take a break (even if it's for a game of Tetris)

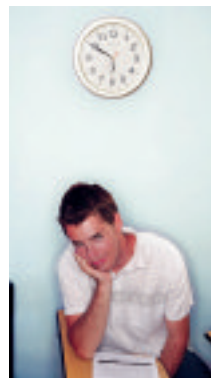
You can't run on the treadmill for hours on end and your brain can't work out for that long either. It needs a break — Tetris, anyone? — as well as hydration and sustenance to keep it going. Allow your brain time to refresh and when you come back to the books, quickly recap what you learned before your break. This will make it stick even more.

Remember your notes by rewriting them

Julie Dang, a Mathematical Science student, says her strategy is to flip through her textbooks and focus on everything that she highlighted initially. "I do study questions over and over and over again," Dang says. "Constantly practicing the formulas is the best way to remember them."

Give yourself the gift of time

Look at what you need to study for a couple weeks before the actual exam. Set aside some time each day to study and review different things. Every day you can recap what you learned the day before and build on it instead of cramming everything in the day before your test. It can be tricky, but it's worth it.



Say it out loud

Biology student Calling Helgason says when she doesn't understand a concept she reads it aloud. "Talking through my notes breaks down the concepts and makes it easier," she says. It's embarrassing when her roommates walk in, but good grades make up for her rosy cheeks.

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Jobs. A musician gives advice to music lovers on how to make a career happen.

Over the last 35 years, Portland-based pianist Jill Timmons made a sustainable career without losing sight of her passion for classical music. After 10 years of research and writing, her latest book, "The Musician's Journey: Crafting Your Career Vision and

Plan," is out this month. In it, Timmons shares her formula for a success-without-starving career in music.

Research was key for Timmons. "I found books on the nuts-and-bolts business aspect of having a career," says Timmons. "But I couldn't find anything that joined this [and music] together, so I thought, 'I'm going to have to write it.'"

Timmons owns her own company, Arts Mentor, consulting teachers, artists and nonprofits on their artistic ambitions. She has performed at

Carnegie Hall, founded an arts consulting business and reached tenure at Linfield College, along with a slew of other gigs and "reinventions." All of her work has been in music, and she encourages musicians to embrace a similar approach.

Timmons urges artists to think: "If I didn't have to make a living, what would I do?" She says, "That's the focal point, and everything needs to grow from there."



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Beyond your major

Think outside your major

Students are too often limiting themselves to one industry and not looking for jobs available in other areas. An accounting degree doesn't mean you need to join an accounting firm. A degree in computer science doesn't mean you need to work in tech.

"[Students] have their minds set on one industry, which can really limit their job opportunities," says Debbie Bottineau, regional vice president of OfficeTeam. Bottineau suggests not limiting yourself by focusing on full-time positions. "A lot of employers are looking for work experience, so don't just look at full-time jobs. Look at temporary

and contract positions, too." It may be surprising for a finance graduate to work in agriculture, but the job could directly relate to the skills you possess. **ALANNA GLASS**

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Anne Frank: The ultimate Belieber?

Justin Bieber visited the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam on Saturday. According to the Facebook page for the museum, he wrote the following in the guest book: "Truly inspiring to be able to come here. Anne was a great girl. Hopefully she would have been a believer."

Ick! Friends, he seriously said that. Seriously. Someone needs a little lesson in humility and reverence. But, because this is *The Word*, we can't let this go. So, in honor of his out-of-control ego, we've put together a look of what he'd say at other sacred sites to make it all

about the Biebs.

Hiroshima: "Sorry, people of Hiroshima. Maybe if I was around back then, I could have saved you all, since my music is the bomb."

Mount Sinai: "Moses might have 10 commandments, but I only have one: Thou shall not film me smoking pot."

Visiting the devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy: "I wish you had all been blown away by my music instead."

Bieber at the Berlin Wall: "Ich bin ein Belieber."

Kardashian and West: Babies in Paris?

Sacre bleu? Kim Kardashian and Kanye West were checking out maternity wards in Paris, according to TMZ, leading the site to speculate that perhaps they'd have their baby there. (It's a city also known for its fashion and strict paparazzi laws.) Then again, Kim just tweeted from a city that sounds a bit more likely, given the parents: Las Vegas.



Taylor Swift outsells her exes

Taylor Swift reportedly has a long list of famous exes, and maybe she's better off without them. Perez Hilton points out that, according to new data, her "Red" tour is currently outselling tours from ex Joe Jonas and the Jonas Brothers (by 19:1) and John Mayer (57:1). Meanwhile, Harry Styles' One Direction outsells Swift, but, according to Hilton's math, you've got to divide that by five bandmates. And their hair gel costs. Swift's in the black.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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Styles going to strip clubs?



Harry Styles is 19, rich and had to spend a night in Newcastle, somewhere in the UK, after a concert, so of course he enjoyed a lap dance. At least according to the Sunday Mirror. "I had done a striptease and showed my boobs. He walked up to me and said, 'Hi, I'm Harry. I have just done a gig in Newcastle.'" said the stripper. "I couldn't believe Harry Styles wanted to spend time with me." Then they did shots. Styles' spokesperson denies the story.

CULTURE



Twitter feed

Today, Paris Hilton gets deep, Albert Brooks discusses foreign policy, Alan Tudyk goes to the movies, and "Mad Men" actor Rich Sommer hangs with a "Modern Family" star.

@parishilton: The best proof of love is trust. -Joyce Brothers

@albertbrooks
Hello it's North Korea?
Hi, it's China.
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Blinding you with science

Repertory. Neuroscientist David Eagleman will use "Inception" to talk about time perception and dreams.

Much like most of the people who see them, movies tend to ignore or even mistreat science, even as they reap its many benefits. It's not as though David Eagleman, the neuroscientist and bestselling author of "Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain," thinks "Inception" — his pick for BAM Cinematek's "Science on Screen" series — is an air-tight, rigorously scien-

tific construction.

"By me choosing this terrific film, it doesn't imply that it gets science right," he explains. "But what I do love is it opens up the conversation to many scientific issues that are very close to my heart." Those issues are dreams and, more uniquely, time perception. "There aren't a great number of films to choose from when looking for a film that incorporates science in a way that can really generate discussion."

Eagleman says he's been fascinated by time perception since he was a child, when he fell off a house. "I had lots of thoughts on the way down. When I got older I realized the whole thing took place in a fraction of



Neuroscientist David Eagleman
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a second. I was fascinated by that, so I became a neuroscientist."

Christopher Nolan's film — which, say what you will about it, is by far the brainiest movie to ever gross nearly a billion dollars — deals with time perception in relation to dreams. "What's clear is that time is a construction of the brain, and it can change under circumstances. It can seem to run faster or slower, it can remember more of an event."

Eagleman says the speech he will deliver after the screening will make the argument that dreams

don't move in slow motion, as they do in the film. But its portrayal of dreams is more accurate. Some critics complained about the relatively mundane (or at least unimaginative) dreams in "Inception." But that, Eagleman agrees, is an attribute. "The whole key about dreams is that whatever your brain serves up, you buy it, hook, line and sinker," he says. "When you're inside the dream, you feel like this is reality, even if bizarre stuff is happening. If you put in bizarre magical creatures, then the audience would not enjoy that

benefit of feeling like this is reality."

The "Science on Screen" will pick up again in May, with Shane Carruth's "Primer" and Terry Gilliam's "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen." Meanwhile, Eagleman, like any good scientist, remains humble as well as knowledgeable. "The exciting part of science is we're just at the foot of that mountain. Whatever I say on Monday night might turn out to be totally wrong."



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CHANGES REFLECT PARENT CONCERNS

Students Learn to
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Scores will Reflect New
Emphasis on College and
Career over Basic Skills

There's something uncommon taking place in the city's public schools.

New York is implementing a far richer curriculum called Common Core. The lessons, and the exams that go hand in hand with them, have students writing more, thinking critically, defending their ideas, and working in teams to solve real-world problems.

The new coursework is harder, and the state exams students in grades 3-8 take this month will be different and more challenging, too. Test scores will reflect that at first. But this year's scores will not be comparable to scores from previous years. This is a new baseline.

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Straight Talk from the Chancellor

Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott responds to parents' questions

Why are my child's tests getting harder? As a parent, I'm tired of hearing that this is going to be great for my kid.

Let's be honest. Tougher tests aren't the problem. The real problem is that too many of our kids aren't prepared to succeed in college or flourish in a career. We're not doing them any favors if we don't challenge them. It's time we raised the bar.

The new curriculum demands that your kids engage their creativity and intellectual curiosity. The goal is to take them beyond the pages of their textbooks and prepare them for the real world.

The new tests will reflect that richer—and more challenging—coursework. When you set a new goal for yourself that feels out of reach, you work harder to meet it. This will be no different. And that's a good thing.

Why am I hearing that my child's test scores are going to drop?

There's no way to know how your child will do until he or she takes the test. But we're now measuring based on completely different, and tougher, criteria. The last tests measured basic skills. The new tests measure your child's ability to get into college or learn a skill after high school graduation.

Some states that have adopted the Common Core have seen lower test scores of over 30 points at first. We have set new benchmarks in the past and our students have always risen to meet them and we think that over time they will do the same with these new standards.

I'm worried about how this will affect promotion and my child's high school applications in September. Are you going to send everyone to summer school?

No. The new tests are part of our transition to the Common Core. And transitions take time. We won't punish students just because their scores have changed on the new and different tests. We expect roughly the same number of students to attend summer school this year as last. Students who earn the highest scores—even if those scores are lower than in past years—will still have access to screened middle and high schools.

Are you rushing this? How can teachers prepare for Common Core-aligned tests if textbooks are still on the way?

We saw the new state tests coming two years ago, and our teachers have spent that time changing their daily lessons to reflect the Common Core. This includes asking students to read more non-fiction texts and solve math problems with multiple steps, which are the very skills they'll be tested on. To date, we've spent \$125 million preparing teachers for this day, and we have partnered with teachers to create dozens of new curriculum units over the past two years.

Is all the focus on testing helping my child learn?

For years, parents have complained that the state tests were an irrelevant distraction from learning. We listened to your complaints. The Common Core tests are part and parcel of the Common Core curriculum. They're designed to complement one another.

Testing is not a dirty word. It's about evaluating where students are weaker and where they're stronger so their teachers can best judge how to help them. It also helps us assess how good a job your teachers and your school are doing so we can help them improve.

I'm struggling to support my children with their homework. How can I help my child master the more challenging coursework?

We get that. We've worked hard to develop vast parent resources for you. They include sample questions similar to those that your children can expect to see on the new state tests, and "webinars" that I've hosted which explain the transition to the Common Core (for more information, search NYC.gov for Common Core Parent Resources).

If your child is struggling and needs extra help, talk to his or her teacher or to your school's parent coordinator. It's a new era in teaching and testing. I'm committed to helping your child succeed.



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What in the World is Common Core?

The Common Core standards have been adopted in New York and 44 other states. They spell out what every student from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade needs to know to graduate from high school ready for college and careers. It's a demanding agenda that starts early and advances, grade by grade, in complexity.

The state math and English Language Arts exams that students in grades 3-8 take this month are the first to

measure how well students meet the Common Core standards. As the samples below show, the state test questions are harder than the ones from previous years.

Adopted in New York and 44 other states

In English, for example, students will be asked to analyze more challenging texts. In math, they will have to complete problems with multiple steps

and explain how they got their answers.

Under the Common Core, the learning environment is more dynamic and intellectually challenging as well. In the old classroom, students sat in rows responding to questions with yes or no answers. In the Common Core classroom, students are writing more, reading more difficult texts, thinking critically, making effective arguments, and working in teams to solve real-world problems.



"Yes, defending your ideas *is* important, but you're still eating your broccoli."

OLD Grade 4 Math: Actual 2009-10 NY State Test Question

Ms. Upton spends a total of \$42 for 3 sweaters for her children. Each sweater costs the same amount. How much does each sweater cost?

Show your work.

ANSWER \$ 14

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NEW Grade 4 Math: Sample 2012-13 NY State Test Question

Candy wants to buy herself a new bicycle that costs \$240. Candy has already saved \$32, but she needs to make a plan so she can save the rest of the money she needs. She decides to save the same amount of money, x dollars, each month for the next four months.

Part A: Write an equation that helps Candy determine the amount of money she must save each month.

Equation $32 + 4X = 240$

Part B: Solve the equation to find the amount of money she must save each month to meet her goal of buying a bicycle.

Show your work. *Every month for 4 months she has to save X dollars.*

ANSWER: \$ 52

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OLD Grade 8 English Language Arts: Actual 2009-10 NY State Test Question

The author of the passage says that he lost Rufus as a useful working animal during a summer heat spell. Explain why the author makes this comment about his dog.

Use details from the passage to support your answer.

- Text is relatively simple at a fifth grade reading level.
- Students are asked to find details from the text to support a straight forward comment made by the author.

To see the original passage, please visit <http://on.nyc.gov/12UBfFH>.

NEW Grade 8 English Language Arts: Sample 2012-13 NY State Test Question

Describe how the author's attitude toward the doll symbolizes her changing attitude toward learning words throughout the story. Use two details from the passage to support your answer.

Write your answer in complete sentences.

- Passage is from autobiography of Hellen Keller and is more complex (e.g., sentence structure and vocabulary).
- Students need to understand the concept of symbolism and develop their own interpretation of the text.
- Requires critical thinking.

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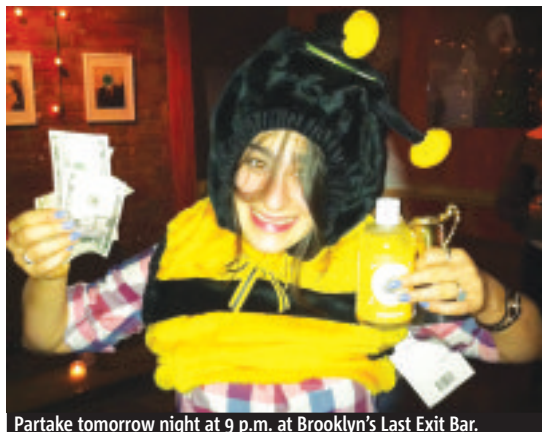
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The Slurring Bee: Putting your English degree to drunken use

Going out. It's the one-year anniversary of the boozy, adults-only spelling bee.

Mandy Levy's "cathexis" for creative city activities inspired the Slurring Bee, a boozy adult spelling bee held monthly at Brooklyn's Last Exit Bar. For those not in the know, a "cathexis" is an investment of emotional energy, and the word happened to be last month's tournament ender.

Tomorrow night, Levy and co-host Billy Parker will celebrate the Slurring Bee's first birthday with a special competition stocked with the past year's champs. The top speller will claim a \$150 cash prize and a trophy made of empty beer cans. "We're treating it



Partake tomorrow night at 9 p.m. at Brooklyn's Last Exit Bar.

like our own Miss America," said Parker.

He and Levy will further the festive vibe by dressing up for their one-year hosting duties. At a year old, the Brooklyn Slurring Bee is a few years younger than the similarly successful Cincinnati Bee that Levy founded with a creative collective in 2010 before she moved to New

York. Both Slurring Bees are run like regulation Scripps National Spelling Bees, right down to their use of the official Scripps word list. But the famous National Bee, which began in 1925, doesn't kick off each round with a free shot. And chances are, the example sentences aren't quite as silly or crass.

"Mandy and Billy

make it really fun," explained children's book editor Ashley Fedor, a May 2012 Slurring Bee champ. Fedor is one of 10 former champs competing Tuesday. "They're both really hilarious, and their jokes and interactions ease the competitive edge."

Although many spellers, like Fedor, come from literary backgrounds, others simply feel drawn to quirky events. December winner Frank Macreery, a website engineer, won for correctly spelling "saturnine" — dark, moody, or mysterious. Impressed by his fellow spellers, Macreery attributes his victory to a slightly different skill set: "I think relative to the other competitors, my skill was probably more in the drinking than the spelling."



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TV watch list



Jason Segel (plus baby, plus hot woman) is still a presence on "How I Met Your Mother." / CLIFF LIPSON

MINISERIES

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The members of Biffy Clyro can walk around in the U.S. without people recognizing them. Study this photo and help change that. / FRANK MADDOCKS

Music. Biffy Clyro may be an opening act in the States — but in their homeland, their album is No. 1.

Members of Biffy Clyro have yet to father the offspring of Hollywood scions. But just because it hasn't happened yet for any Biffy member doesn't mean they won't soon join the ranks of Matthew Bellamy, the partner of Kate Hudson and the singer of Muse, for whom the Scottish rock trio is opening this spring. Because in Great Britain,

Biffy Clyro are huge. So much so that, upon release, despite being a double album, their sixth record, "Opposites," shot to No. 1 on the British album chart.

"Part of it is a response to how throwaway music is these days," singer and guitarist Simon Neil explains of the decision to go double. "You have someone like Rihanna who brings out an album every three months, it seems. We don't want this record to be a song or two that people listen to now and forget in a week." Cleverly, "Opposites," which was issued in the U.S. last month, also comes as a handy-sized single album.

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your fans," admits Neil. "Sometimes a double album can seem overwhelming. Our fans will get the double album, but it's nice to know other people won't be terrified to buy it."



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Jackie Robinson movie hits it out of the park

Box office. Biopic "42" shuts out opponent "Scary Movie 5" this weekend.

Baseball drama "42," the story of Jackie Robinson becoming the first black player in the major leagues more than 60 years ago, took home a win at the movie box office after scoring \$27.3 million from weekend ticket sales in the

United States and Canada.

The film about the Hall of Fame player topped industry forecasts for an opening of about \$20 million. It defeated new horror spoof "Scary Movie 5," the second-place finisher with \$15.2 million from Friday through Sunday, according to studio estimates.

Animated Stone Age adventure film "The Croods" took the No. 3 slot. The Dreamworks Animation production rung up sales of \$13.2 million in its fourth week for a total of \$142.5

million in the U.S. and Canada.

In international markets, Tom Cruise sci-fi thriller "Oblivion" debuted with \$61.1 million in 52 countries, distributor Universal Studios said. The film opens in the United States and Canada on Friday.

Audiences thought "42" was a home run, awarding a rare A+ rating in polling by survey firm CinemaScore. Critics also gave it high marks, with 75 percent recommending the

movie among reviews on the Rotten Tomatoes website.

"Scary Movie 5" revived a franchise that was dormant for seven years after the first four films grossed a combined \$818 million worldwide.

In fourth place was action movie sequel "G.I. Joe: Retaliation," which earned \$10.8 million during its third week in theaters.

Last week's box office winner "Evil Dead" fell to fifth place this week, taking in \$9.5 million. **REUTERS**



Chadwick Boseman embodies Jackie Robinson in the baseball saga "42," which many of you saw this weekend. / WARNER BROS. PICTURES

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Tips. We asked immunologist Dr. Jennifer Collins from the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary for advice.

Warm weather at the start of the year caused early pollination in some trees, exacerbating conditions for allergy sufferers and raising expectations that 2013 will see increased seasonal allergies. Combat yours with Dr. Collins' tips:

Know what you're allergic to: "An immunologist can test you and then give specific advice and effective treatment. I see people who have suffered for years and don't have to."

Manage with medications: "Many over-the-counter medications work fine, but consult



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your doctor. Steroids help with inflammation. They can stop acute allergies from becoming chronic. Allergy shots are effective. They introduce a small amount of an allergen and build gradually to trick the body."

Limit exposure to allergens at home: "Pollen levels are highest between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m., so close your windows.

Make sure AC filters are clean and working effectively. Wipe animals down with a washcloth when you come in. Washing your sheets in hot water and regular cleaning will help, too."

Sign up for alerts or get an app: "Lots of websites offer email alerts, and there are apps, too. They help you prepare for bad days."

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Cold or allergy?

"Symptoms can be difficult to differentiate, because they include itchy eyes, runny nose — even itchy ears. You might get a sore throat, hives or welts, and sometimes asthma or coughing. Allergies can cause you to be more susceptible to infection and can actually make you more vulnerable to a cold," says Dr. Collins.

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Your thoughts aren't everything

Last week, while everyone was enjoying the spring weather, I was in a really bad mood. I should have been happy, but instead I was drowning in negativity. Is there something wrong with me?

French philosopher Rene Descartes is famously quoted as saying "I think, therefore I am." But the latest psychological research suggests otherwise — that we are not our thoughts or our feelings. In fact, the research points more to what Buddhists and meditators have known for years — that our minds effortlessly produce an endless stream of both positive and negative thoughts and emotions that are pretty much beyond our control.

Sad, mad, glad, bad (feeling guilt or disgust) and afraid are the primary colors of human emotions. We can expect to cycle through variations of these feelings several times on any given day,

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week or month. Just as our thoughts trigger feelings (believing something is wrong with us makes us feel bad), our feelings conversely trigger thoughts (a feeling of sadness may prompt us to find an explanation).

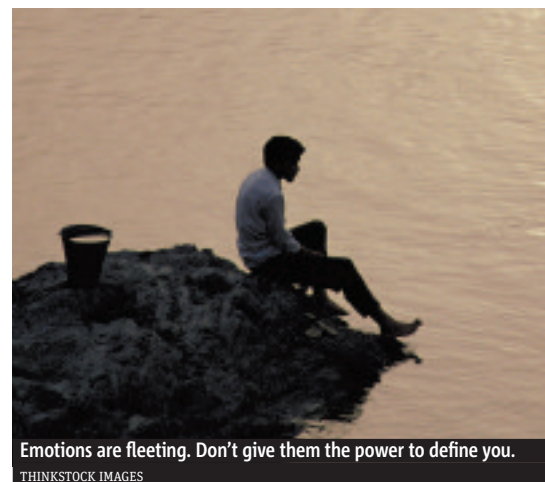
In her book "Radical Acceptance," Dr. Tara Brach talks about the "trance of unworthiness" that comes about when people criticize themselves for experiencing undesirable but perfectly natural emotions. She notes that emotions are nothing but body sensations, which are fleeting. Instead of

recognizing them as so, we make ourselves feel worse when we react to them and give them power to define us, believing that our negative thoughts make us a bad person.

What's more, Brach notes the more we resist our sensations the more they persist. Instead, she suggests welcoming the full range of human experience by assuming a practice of "saying yes," to whatever thoughts and feelings arise in the moment. Noticing and welcoming our experiences doesn't necessarily solve our problems. But

eliminating the layer of resistance allows us to soften into a gentler way of being so that we are less reactive and have more energy to face life as messy and wonderful as we find it.

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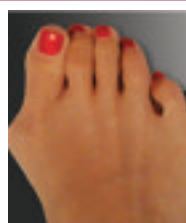
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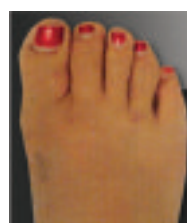
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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. When negotiating an important business matter, don't tip your hand. Play your trump card last.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Because you'll express your thoughts in such a self-assured manner, associates are likely to look to you for leadership.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. An exciting occurrence could ignite a new career ambition. Strike while the iron is hot.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Take time to exchange viewpoints with a person whose intelligence you respect. You'll gain some valuable information.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. An associate who recently accomplished something that you've always wanted to do could be a valuable inspiration.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Once you think things through and made a decision to try something new, don't lose heart. To be successful, you need to have courage.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Your greatest asset today is your ability to transform what appears to be outmoded into something useful.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Everything should work out well when you have to deal with someone personally.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Others might allow grass to grow under their feet, but not you. You'll find a way to do work.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You won't intentionally put on airs, but your style might be more flamboyant than usual.

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Letters

Treat bikes like vehicles

If people want to ride bicycles in the city, they need to have insurance just like everyone operating anything that can hit a car or people and cause considerable damage. It's not just based on if it has an engine or not. People need to require some type of training in order to get a bike license. **DERRICK ROUSSEAU, VIA E-MAIL**

Thatcher praise a bit overdone

Re: "Iron Lady beats Iron Curtain" (Metro, April 12-14) I must assume that letter-writer Frederick Beddell Jr. is an American, since we English folk don't often use the "Jr." after someone's name, and that would explain quite a lot. Mr. Beddell's comments would not have come from any person, even a revisionist Conservative, who had lived through the Thatcher years in England as I did. Nowadays, even those in England who supported her at the time, and did extremely well from her, have had some very harsh words to say about what she did and how she did it. The culture of selfishness is now recognized even by right-wing thinkers in the U.K. as the wrong approach.

MARTIN LAST, VIA E-MAIL

Cars: Also a weapon

Why are the American people and politicians only talking about restrictions on guns and not automobiles? Automobiles kill more people every year than guns. In 2012 there were more than 70,000 people killed while only 30,000 people were killed by guns. It's healthier to walk and take the bus or train.

JOHN STUHR, VIA E-MAIL

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- Before long
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- Caesar's man
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- Happy rumble
- Kind of cuisine
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- Snowfall statistic
- Screw things up
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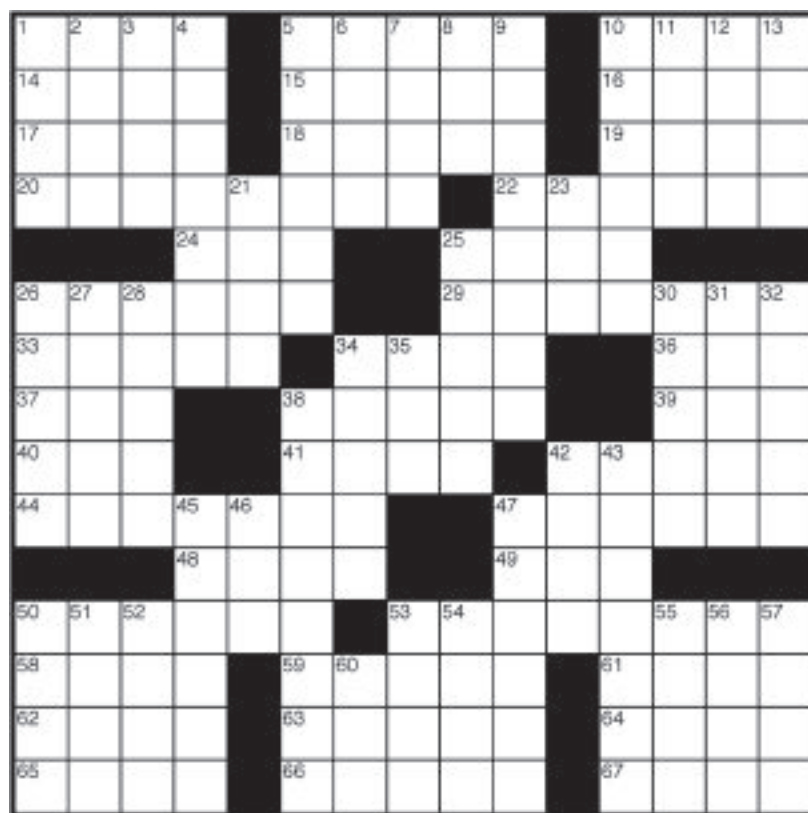
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- Funny person
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- Boldly attempt
- Transport for Sinbad
- Use Brillo
- River embankment
- Even up
- Voltage jump
- Object
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Weekend's answer





BEA ARTHUR

Her company, Pretty Padded Room, gives women a place to vent. She says being an entrepreneur can be a solitary experience.

'IT CAN GET LONELY'

Bea Arthur is the founder and CEO of Pretty Padded Room, a website that provides online therapy to women on their own time. We sat down with Arthur to ask about her experience running her own business.

When did you start your company Pretty Padded Room?

I just had the two-year anniversary of my business in February, and celebrated with a fancy meal and even fancier wine from Trader Joe's.

What's your favorite moment of the work day?

We have been able to help clients from all over the world in all kinds of circumstances, so I love it when I get a message thanking us. We had a client in the United Arab Emirates tell us that therapy wasn't an option where she lived, so it was nice to know that we helped her feel heard. It keeps me going on tougher days.

What is surprising about your job?

I spend a lot of time alone. Even though my days are filled with meetings, connecting with clients and following up on leads, it's all done remotely. Entrepreneurship can get lonely. I talk to myself a lot!

I believe my team and I are making a difference in the world. With our little site, we've been able to provide therapy for people who wouldn't have had access to it otherwise. We've all had moments where we wanted to scream or cry, so being able to be there for someone during those moments means a lot to me.

How does your job affects the larger community?

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On the job

Working It

Working It is a new series where Metro asks professionals about what it's like to do their jobs, with subjects ranging from tech entrepreneurs to chocolatiers. If you have a job that you think people would want to know more about, email the editor at julia.furlan@metro.us.

Bea Arthur founded www.prettypaddedroom.com. Don't get her confused with the late "Golden Girls" actress. / CONTRIBUTED

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SPORTS



Revenge on the mind

Harrison to Cincy?

Former Steelers linebacker James Harrison is set to join Pittsburgh's division rival, the Cincinnati Bengals, after the Steelers cut him in early March. Harrison has reportedly had his mind-set on joining an AFC North team. He is expected to officially sign this week.

Start running

Boston Marathon today

Runners from around the world will descend on Boston today, as the 117th Boston Marathon begins at 9:30 a.m. The race, considered one of the hardest courses among the major races due to its undulating hills, is held each year on Patriots Day. The greatest U.S. hopes are Shalene Flanagan on the women's side and Jason Hartmann for the men.

Pettitte start moved back to Friday



Pettitte appears to be getting frustrated with his slow return.

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Andy Pettitte said his back is feeling better but when he told pitching coach Larry Rothchild and manager Joe Girardi, they had a different message.

They told him that instead of pitching against Arizona on Tuesday, as was originally planned after he was scratched this weekend, the 40-year-old left-hander would open the three-game series in Toronto on Friday night.

"We're going to be

Grand return

Curtis Granderson visited Yankee Stadium yesterday and talked about his rehab from a broken arm.

- "After further consideration with the doctors here and the doctors in Florida, it was once the throwing is good to go, then I can start swinging," Granderson said.

conservative," Pettitte said. "We got guys that can pitch and I think they want me to throw a bullpen and stuff like that before trying to go out there Tuesday and just pitch without throwing a bullpen. So I'm going to pitch Friday."

"I'm on board to a certain extent. I just want to pitch. I understand it but I just feel a ton better but I just want to pitch get back out there as soon as I can." **LARRY FLEISHER**

New York to face Boston after securing No. 2 seed

NBA. Old rivals await New York in the first round of the playoffs.

The Knicks officially locked up the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference by disposing of their closest threat in a 90-80 defeat of the Pacers.

Carmelo Anthony had a game-high 25 points as the Knicks (53-27) will end the regular season with a chance to have homecourt advantage over every team in the conference but the top-seeded Heat (64-16).

"It's a great achievement because we accomplished one of our main goals after we won the division," said head coach Mike Woodson. "But now first thing's first, we have

to get healthy and then go against Boston."

But the All-Star forward said he'll be fine, and actually warmed to the idea of receiving extra rest this week in preparation of a hopefully long playoff run.

The Celtics have already locked up the No. 7 seed, so the Knicks know who they will be facing.

"It's OK. I'm good. I just got nicked," said Anthony, quickly diverting his attention to the Celtics. "It's a big series for the organization and the city. ... There's no added pressure to win [because of the Knicks' recent playoff troubles], but of course we want payback for two years ago. We want to beat Boston, let's be quite frank about it."

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J.R. Smith and the Knicks can begin preparing for the playoffs. / NATHANIEL S. BUTLER, NBAE, GETTY IMAGES

NCAAB. Trey Burke declares for NBA draft

The nation's top collegiate will be moving on to the pros.

Naismith and AP Player of the Year Trey Burke declared for the NBA draft yesterday. The sophomore averaged 16.9 points and 5.7 assists per game last season with Michigan. **METRO**



Burke / GETTY IMAGES

Near no-no

Buchholz pitches gem

Clay Buchholz's bid for a no-hitter yesterday came up short after 7 2/3 innings, but the Red Sox still won 5-0 over the Rays.

Veteran Kelly Johnson took the honor of breaking up the no-no with a single. **METRO**



Clay Buchholz / RONALD MARTINEZ, GETTY IMAGES

Bravo, Atlanta

Braves win 11th game

The best team in baseball — at least by record — just keeps on winning.

The Braves improved to 11-1 with a sweep of the Nationals yesterday. Paul Maholm earned the 9-0 win yesterday. **METRO**



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Masters. Scott takes golf's top prize over Cabrera in playoff

The green jacket will be making the long flight to Australia this year.

Adam Scott nailed a long birdie putt on the second playoff hole to clinch the Masters title over former winner Angel Cabrera.

It was the second big putt in three holes for Scott, who drained an 18-foot putt on No. 18 for birdie to give himself a one-stroke lead over Cabrera at 9-under. But Cabrera himself made a birdie putt on the final hole to secure a playoff with the 32-year-old from Adelaide.

Cabrera, the chain-smoking Argentine, parred the second playoff hole, setting up Scott for the dramatic clincher.

Tiger Woods, meanwhile, finished tied for fourth place at 5-under and almost appeared to be getting back into the hunt several times as the field receded to him. Woods finished his final round with a 2-under 70. The two strokes penalized him Saturday morning ended up not costing him a shot at the title in the end.

MARK OSBORNE



Adam Scott wins \$8 million, and a very ugly jacket, for taking first at the Masters. / ANDREW REDINGTON, GETTY IMAGES



Williams said "we'll see how it goes" when asked if he plans to play the final two games. / NBAE, GETTY IMAGES

Running low

The NBA season is just about over and the playoffs are now taking shape in the Eastern Conference.

- The Top 2 seeds are locked in. The Heat will be No. 1, while the Knicks are No. 2.

- The next two spots are also locked in, with the Pacers at No. 3 and the Nets at No. 4. The Celtics and Bucks are locked in to the No. 7 and No. 8 seeds, respectively. The Nos. 5 and 6 will come down to the Hawks and Bulls.

Nets clinch No. 4 seed in playoffs

NBA. Brooklyn clinched a Top 4 seed, which means they will host the first round series.

The Nets didn't plan to earn homecourt advantage in the first round with a loss, but they'll take it anyway.

Brooklyn lost, 93-87, to the Raptors thanks in large part to an ugly first half in which they scored just 32 points. But Miami beat the Bulls in easy fashion earlier yesterday to hand the Nets at worst the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference.

Deron Williams scored 30 points and Brook Lo-

pez had 16 in the loss. Toronto's DeMar DeRozan led all scorers with 36, while Rudy Gay had 26 points and 10 rebounds.

The loss extinguished Brooklyn's hopes of moving up to No. 3, which would mean avoiding the overwhelming-favorite Heat in the second round. Then again, they'll have to win in the first round before worrying about the defending champions.

The Knicks' win over Indiana had made the No. 3 spot a possibility. The Hawks currently hold the No. 5 spot, one game ahead of Chicago.



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"We don't know whether we're playing Chicago or Atlanta, but there's finality for the fourth spot."

P.J. Carlesimo, Nets head coach
On making the playoffs, and hinting his veterans will rest the final two games

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Rutgers. Eddie Jordan nearing deal to take over as head coach

Rutgers men's basketball is reportedly close to hiring their greatest alum as the program's savior.

Eddie Jordan, who played with the Scarlet Knights from 1973 to '77, is working on a deal with Rutgers to become its next head basketball coach, according to multiple reports. The deal could be finalized as early as today.

Jordan is currently serving as an assistant

coach for the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers.

Not only would Jordan be a tremendously popular pick with fans of the university, he would also go a long way in helping to fix the reputation of the school in the wake of the firing of coach Mike Rice and athletic director Tim Perneti.

Jordan led Rutgers to the Final Four in 1976 and played in the NBA from 1977 to '84. **METRO**



Eddie Jordan averaged 8.1 points per game over a seven-year NBA career. / JEFF GROSS, GETTY IMAGES

Let it snow

Mets game postponed

The Mets got an early start on their trip to Colorado.

Yesterday's game in Minnesota was postponed due to a wintery mix with temperatures in the mid-30s. But the Mets shouldn't put away their winter coats, as Denver is expecting snow showers over the next three days. Also, the temperature at game time on Wednesday will be in the teens with the low in single digits. **METRO**

Bean ball

Quentin to miss LA series

Carlos Quentin dropped the appeal of his eight-game suspension yesterday, likely not coincidentally right as a series with the Dodgers begins tonight.

Quentin, who charged the mound last Thursday and ended up breaking Dodgers pitcher Zack Greinke's collarbone, will at least avoid any retaliation toward himself thanks to serving the suspension. **METRO**

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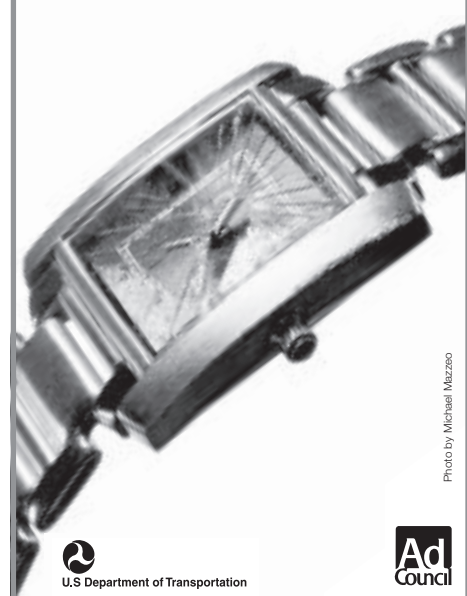
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